

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 15-17 presently comprise the case, Claims 1, 6-8, 13 and 14 having been canceled.

The Examiner objected to Claims 2-5 and 9-12, indicating that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claims 2 and 9 to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims, and are submitted to be allowable. Claims 3-5 depend from Claim 2, and are therefore also submitted to be allowable. Claims 10-12 depend from Claim 9, and are therefore also submitted to be allowable.

Claims 15, 16 and 17 have been amended to incorporate the language of allowable Claim 2, and are therefore also submitted to be allowable.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 15-17, and requests passage of the case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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